MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): The question of seniority does not ordinarily arise.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*): Am I to understand from the member that, if an officer is appointed as Inspector or Inspectress, that person, whether he or she gets seniority over other officers? May I know from the member when a junior is appointed as Assistant Inspector or Inspectress in preference to others that person gets seniority over others?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): I rise to a point of order. I took the member to mean when he said Inspector only people belonging to the male sex. But subsequently he uses the words he or she. I do not understand it. There is a confusion in the use of the word.

PRESIDENT: It is a wrong use of grammar?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): In answer to the question whether when he or she is appointed as Assistant Inspector or Inspectress becomes senior, I may say that they do not get seniority over other officers.

Caste-war statement of officers in the reorganised Inspectorate.

94. ***MR. K. SANKARAN** (*Kartikapalli I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of Assistant Inspectors and Assistant Inspectresses selected from each of the different communities in the State, under the Inspectorate reforms?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

Brahmin	...	5
Nair	...	11
Vellala	...	1
Ezhava	...	2
Kshathriya	...	1
Mahomedan	...	1
Christian	...	11

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Sir, I want a ruling from the Chair on one point. The answer to some of the questions that we ask though not intended for placing statements on the table, is, that the statement required is placed on the table, while in others the statement is read out so that in some cases we are not able to ask supplementary questions. I want to know whether there is any definite principle adopted by Government in this regard.

PRESIDENT: The Honourable member will do well to read once more the ruling of the Chair in which he will find the answer.

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